

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 2-4 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings because Figure 1 shows a conventional infant highchair as provided in the prior art, but is not labeled "Prior Art". In response, Applicant respectfully submits replacement sheet "Fig. 1", in which Figure 1 is correctly labeled as "Prior Art".

The Examiner further objects to the drawings because Figs. 4A and 4B include the reference character "16" which is not included in the description. "16" is a reference to a screw to fix the fixing block 14 onto the base portion 10. Therefore, Applicant has amended the specification to include the reference character "16" where it refers to the screws.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner objects to the specification because on page 5, line 15, "a" should be inserted after "employing". In response, Applicant has amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The Examiner further objects to the abstract because legal phraseology is included (means) in the abstract, and because phrases such as "is disclosed" should be avoided. In response, Applicant respectfully submits a new Abstract in which legal phraseology has been deleted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,345,864 to Rivera et al. (hereinafter "Rivera") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,123,387 to Kelly (hereinafter "Kelly").

In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the features of allowable dependent claim 2, and have cancelled claim 2. No new matter has been added by way of the amendment to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1, 3 and 4.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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